

**CITY OF LODI
INFORMAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING
"SHIRTSLEEVE" SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2007**

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, June 26, 2007, commencing at 7:27 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members – Hansen, Mounce, and Mayor Johnson

Absent: Council Members – Hitchcock and Katzakian

Also Present: City Manager King, Deputy City Attorney Magdich, and City Clerk Johl

B. TOPIC(S)

B-1 "Utilities Quarterly Update"

Electric Utilities Manager Ken Wisel provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the quarterly update. Specific topics of discussion included a summary, financial results, electric expenses by series, sales, billing statistics, Northern California Power Agency general operating reserve, power supply, power supply contributing factors, open position, electric prices, and natural gas forward price curves.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wisel indicated one reason the numbers are well under budget is unfilled positions.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Wisel stated staff will provide Council with information regarding the differences in the numbers, including the equipment line item.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Wisel stated third-party revenues could include surplus sales of property and equipment.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wisel stated there is a sense that prices are dropping now, but during really hot periods they may rise again. He stated September may be a bit lower and may be the time to purchase.

Discussion ensued between Mayor Johnson, Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wisel, and City Manager King regarding the open position, the numbers to be averaged for the open position, previously large open position and efforts to prevent the same in the future, timing associated with closing positions, authorization to close positions for specific months, and a policy associated with closing open positions.

Public Works Director Prima provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding wastewater financials, operating expenses by series, water financials, water expenses by series, water and wastewater summary, White Slough contract for pipeline repairs, permit status, drinking water studies, water supply, interim permit for North San Joaquin County Conservation District and meeting, Groundwater Banking Authority efforts, and East Bay Municipal Utility District water protest and meetings.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Mounce, Mr. Prima stated Project No. 3 on the water replacement program is wrapped up with some concentration in the downtown area and Project No. 4 is in design and will be brought back to Council shortly.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Prima stated construction on the water treatment plant will likely begin by 2010 and the process will entail an Environmental Impact Report and State permits. Mr. Prima also stated that the Woodbridge Irrigation District is willing to give an extension on the current agreement, which will be coming back sometime during the summer.

In response to Mayor Johnson, City Manager King stated the scope of the project will determine what level of environmental certification will be required. Mr. King stated additional information regarding the assessment process and related information will also be needed.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Prima stated the \$200,000 from North San Joaquin has not been paid yet because it has not been assessed, it will be implemented in the coming fiscal year, it may not go away if the application with the Water Board is denied because it is not directly related, and they are not losing all their water because they may also have replacement water.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Prima stated the Flag City money has not yet arrived and they are still working on the design standards. Mr. King stated a Council action remains for the modification of the ordinance, which will not be brought forth until the design standards are provided.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. King stated that as to the winery hook-ups, Van Ruitten is physically connected and the two others received preferential rates. Mr. King also provided an overview of the downtown Tasting Room timeline and status.

City Manager King stated they did not receive any proposals for the Electric Utility Guild Avenue property and staff will reassess the options.

City Manager King provided an overview of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program, which promotes green practices and sustainability of new development. Mr. King stated Lodi is 1 of 61 cities invited to participate in the neighborhood development program and they are working with Reynolds Ranch and Wildan. He stated they will need to develop guidelines for certification and discussed some factors regarding the same. In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. King stated the program is primarily applicable to commercial, with some residential application.

C. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

D. ADJOURNMENT

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk